

REMARKS

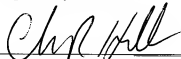
As provided by 37 CFR § 41.33 and MPEP 1206, the claims are amended herein as follows: Claims 1-17, 29, and 59-62 are cancelled; Claim 18 is amended to include the limitations of former dependent Claim 29; Claim 30 is amended to change its dependency from Claim 29 to Claim 18, and Claim 36 (a formerly dependent claim) is amended to incorporate all of the limitations of its former parent claim, Claim 18.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 41.33 and MPEP 1206, each of these amendments either cancel claims without affecting the scope of any other pending claim or presents rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal by (A) rewriting a dependent claim (Claim 36) in independent form by adding thereto the limitations of the parent claim (Claim 18); and (B) rewriting an independent claim (Claim 18) to incorporate therein all the subject matter of a dependent claim (Claim 29), canceling the dependent claim (Claim 29) and in conjunction therewith changing the dependency of claims (Claim 30) which had depended from the dependent claim being canceled (Claim 29) to the amended independent claim (Claim 18) that incorporates therein all the subject matter of the now canceled dependent claim (Claim 29).

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all pending claims are allowable over the art of record and respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach Chris Hilberg at (612) 607-7237. If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees including fees for any extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 50-1901 (Docket 18822-11).

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